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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP FROM APRIL 2012**

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** laying flocks produced 95 million eggs during April, up 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,329,000 birds, down less than 1 percent from 4,349,000 a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,195 eggs, compared with 2,161 in 2012.

**UNITED STATES** egg production totaled 7.81 billion during April 2013, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 983 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2013 averaged 346 million, up 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,260 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2012.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES**

During the month of April, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 17.9 million chicks, down 5 percent from last year's 18.8 million chicks.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2013 totaled 748 million, down slightly from April 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 622 million on May 1, 2013, up slightly from a year earlier.